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SUBJECT: CALL BY INDIAN DCM

1. NOVEMBER 14 SESSION BETWEEN NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS AND INDIAN DCM VENKATESWARAN COVERED FOLLOWING GROUND:

2. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON DUBS' RECENT TRIP TO INDIA AND OTHER SOUTH ASIA COUNTRIES.

3. CURRENT SITUATION IN BANGLADESH. DUBS AND VENKATESWARAN AGREED THAT IT WAS OUR MUTUAL HOPE THAT SITUATION THERE WOULD STABILIZE AND THAT OUTSIDE POWERS WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED.

4. ASYLUM REQUEST BY MAJORS. VENKATESWARAN ASKED REGARD-
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ING STATUS OF U.S. ASYLUM REQUEST BY MAJORS. DUBS SAID

THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ASYLUM HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED. DUBS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS USUAL USG POLICY TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF ASYLUM A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE INDIVIDUALS WERE LOCATED, IN THIS INSTANCE, THAILAND.

5. UPCOMING CHINA TRIP. VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT HE HAD

EXPRESSED GOI'S HOPE TO EA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN THAT THERE BE NO MENTION OF KASHMIR IN ANY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING TRIP TO CHINA. DUBS SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE GLEYSTEN CONVERSATION AND INDICATED THAT WE HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE INDIAN POSITION.

6. UN ZIONISM RESOLUTION. VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT GOI DID NOT SEE THIS RESOLUTION AS "ANTI-JUDAIC." HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT INDIA WAS SIGNALLED OUT BY THE NEW YORK TIMES FOR SPECIAL CRITICISM. HE DEFENDED THE INDIAN VOTE ON THE GROUNDS THAT GOI WAS BOUND BY THE NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS. DUBS MADE CLEAR THAT USG REGARDED VOTE AS AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND HARMFUL ACT WHICH NOT ONLY DIMINISHED THE STATURE OF THE UN SYSTEM IN AMERICAN EYES BUT COULD ALSO SET BACK ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN U.S. DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE MOVES.

7. VISIT BY INDIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER.

VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT INDIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER B. P. DAS, ATTENDING UN SESSION NEXT WEEK, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS. VENKATESWARAN SUGGESTED CALL ON EITHER DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL OR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO. DUBS SAID THAT WE WOULD SEE IF THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT. INGERSOLL

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